Payment of Central Investment Subsidy

5598. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are cases of payment of Central Investment subsidy still pending with Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the details particularly of cases from Konkan region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme was withdrawn w.e.f. 1.10.1988. Most of the eligible claims amounting to Rs. 127.4 crores have been reimbursed to the State Governments during the year 1990-91. Claims which did not fall within the guidelines for eligibility have been returned to the State Governments.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of the reply at (c), this does not arise.

[*English*]

Declaration of Drought Prone Areas

5601. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for declaring areas as 'drought prone';

(b) whether the Government have made any changes in the criteria;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the achievements made under the Drought Prone Areas Programme and Desert Development Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c). The

[*Translation*]

SC/ST Employees in KVIC

5600. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees and officers in Khadi and Village Industries Commission in the Country;

(b) the number of employees belonging to SC/ST in each category of officers and employees;

(c) whether there is any backlog of vacant posts reserved for SC/ST; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to fill up this back-log?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) There are 244 officers in Khadi and Village Industries Commission in the country. As regards Non-Gazetted staff, the information is being collected.

(b) The number of officers belonging to SC/ST under Group (A) and Group (B) are as follows:

	SC	*ST*	*TOTAL*
Group (A)	18	7	25
Group (B)	24	5	29
(Gazetted)	42	12	54

The information is respect of Non-Gazetted staff is being collected.

report of the Task Force on Integrated Rural Development submitted in June 1973 and headed by Dr. B.S. Minhas had divided drought prone areas into 3 categories i.e. extremely arid, semi-arid and sub-moist areas, covering areas with rainfall upto 375 mm, 375 to 750 mm and from 750 mm to 1125 mm respectively.

The criteria for coverage of areas under DPAP laid down in the report of the Task Force headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan is being followed at present.

The task Force suggested that the following 3 categories of areas on the combined basis of rainfall and irrigation factor may be excluded from definition of drought prone areas:

(i) where the suggested area, if it has an average annual rainfall of 1125 mm and above, has irrigation for more than 10% of the net sown area.

(ii) where the suggested area, if it has an average annual rainfall of 750-1125 mm, has irrigation for about 15% of the net sown area; and

(iii) where the suggested area, if it has an average annual rainfall of less than 750 mm, has irrigation for about 20% of the net sown area.

This criteria has not been changed.

(d) A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

Statement showing Financial and Physical Achievements under DPAP and DDP since inception upto March, 1991.

Programme	Period	Achievements since Inception upto March, 1991			
		Financial (Rs. in Crores)	Physical in respect of core Sectors (Area in lakhs hectares)		
			Land Development	Water Resources Development	Afforesestation & Pasture Development
DPAP	1973-74 to 1990-91	1,223.41	24.87	8.54	14.55
DDP	1977-78 to 1990-91	350.60	1.04	0.41	1.93